

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**RFP # 0634-228**

**Title: Mental Health Housing Plan**

The State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) intends to issue a Request for Proposals to engage one contractor to develop a statewide mental health housing plan and provide technical assistance for the State of Washington.

The Mental Health Division (MHD) is a component of the Health and Recovery Services Administration of the Department of Social and Health Services of the State of Washington. MHD has an annual budget of approximately \$700 million and supports statewide community mental health services, two adult state psychiatric hospitals, one child and adolescent state psychiatric hospital, and an array of community behavioral health residential services for children and adolescents. The community mental health system is based on a CMS waiver (1915, B) and consists of 14 Regional Support Networks (RSN) across the state. The RSNs contract with provider networks for direct care services. There are approximately 180 provider agencies contracted by the 14 Regional Support Networks.

During the 2006 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed a package of policy and budget initiatives designed to clarify the responsibilities of the State and Regional Support Networks related to inpatient care and ensure that care be recovery oriented and provided in community settings to the extent possible. Over the next year, the state will be developing and implementing programs which provide alternatives to state psychiatric hospitalization including statewide implementation of Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams. In addition, the state will be conducting long term planning in a variety of areas.

The contracts resulting from the RFP will be to conduct a review of Regional Support Network and Mental Health provider housing programs, provide related technical assistance, and develop a statewide mental health housing plan. The plan will promote the development and improvement of housing programs which support the recovery and independence of individuals with mental illness.

The RFP will be issued on or about August 18, 2006 and responses will be due on or about September 20, 2006.

This RFP is available at the DSHS Procurements website at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/ccs>

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